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MAHATMA MAY ARRIVE IN CITY TO-MORROW

Regulation Of Visitors Gives Him Desired Rest

DEVADAS GANDHI, JIVRAJ MEHTA AND KASTURBHAI LALBHAI SEE GANDHIJI

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

POONA, May 9.

The following bulletin was issued by Dr. Sushila Nayyar this afternoon on Mahatma Gandhi's health:—

"Gandhiji had a fairly restful day yesterday; but the night being sultry the sleep was somewhat disturbed. Weakness and a feeling of tiredness persist. Thanks are due to friends and followers for responding to the request regarding regulation of visitors made in yesterday's bulletin. This is giving him the much desired rest."

GANDHIJI MAY ARRIVE IN BOMBAY TO-MORROW

Mr. Devadas Gandhi arrived here this evening. There were few callers on Mahatma Gandhi and he spent a restful day today. In the evening he came out twice on the terrace during prayer time in response to cheering crowds. Most probably, Mahatma Gandhi and party will be leaving for Bombay on Thursday.

Desire To Live Long To See India Free

An indication of Mahatma Gandhi's mind and his strong determination to live long to see India free is available from his talks with his attending doctors here.

"I want to live long. Will your medicine help live for 25 years more?" asked Gandhiji Dr. R. H. Bhadkamkar, a famous Maharashtra physician when the latter gave him some Ayurvedic tonic.

When the doctor was narrating the merits of his tonic Gandhiji asked him whether he was narrating the merits from text books or experience and the doctor replied that it was the latter.

"In case of Gandhiji's health" observed Dr. Bhadkamkar in an interview to the United Press, "you must take into consideration the factor of his strong will power. Gandhiji lessens the acuteness of his ailments by self-control. He himself does not take an alarmist view of his health as we doctors do."

It is now understood that the percentage of uric acid in Mahatma Gandhi's urine went down to 20 per cent and this is stated to have hastened his release.

Kasturbhai Lalbhai And Jivraj Mehta

The "United Press" learns that Mahatma Gandhi paid his first visit after his release to the Aga Khan Palace this morning and placed wreaths and flowers on the "samadhi" of Kasturba and Mahadev Desai.

Gandhiji who was accompanied by Dr. Sushila Nayar and Miss Miraben was received at the Palace gates by Mr. Kapeli, Superintendent of the Detention Camp, and taken to the "Samadhi" where the party offered prayers and performed 'puja.'

Mahatma Gandhi began his usual morning walk in the Parnakuti gardens from yesterday.

Among those who visited Parnakuti to pay respects to Gandhiji to-day was Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai of Ahmedabad.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta who was released on a parole of two months arrived at Parnakuti this morning.

Gandhiji has been reading a few books and is reported to have evinced keen interest in "A Week with Gandhi" by Louis Fischer.

London Black-Out For Indian Press Reactions

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 9: What is most surprising in connection with the release of Mahatma Gandhi is the complete lack of Press reactions from India—not even from the Anglo-Indian Press whose opinion is generally dished up hare as Indian public opinion.

Since the B.B.C announced Mahatma Gandhi's release on Friday night and the Press published the news next morning the main interest is centred on the point whether after recovery he will be allowed to review the political situation in the country in consultation with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, and other members of the Working Committee.

There is, however, a general agreement in this country that Government should use Mahatma Gandhi's release as the starting point for fresh negotiations with the Congress with a general amnesty of all political prisoners. Whether Whitehall and New Delhi agree with this view will soon be manifest in a week or two.

Ghuznavi On Mahatma's Release

CALCUTTA, May 9: Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M.L.A. (Central) in a statement on Mahatma Gandhi's release says:

"Mr. Gandhi's release marks the beginning of a new era in India. Lord Wavell's bold statesmanship has won a great moral victory for the United Nations. The world will now acknowledge that democracy has triumphed, the voice of the people has prevailed.

"All-India is praying for Mr. Gandhi's speedy recovery. May Providence grant him a long life. Now that he is a free man, his will be the task to rally the forces to fight the Axis aggressors, to end the Indian deadlock and to strive for world peace."—A. P.

WILL AMERY EAT ALL HIS WORDS?

"Daily Herald" Warns Against Wild Optimism

LONDON, May 9: The Labour paper, "Daily Herald" in a leader today, Tuesday, interprets Mr. Gandhi's release as a sign of "Change for the better in the Indian scene."

"But", it adds: "We are hoping that this event will inculcate a renewed attempt by the British Government to end the political deadlock which has existed for so long between Britain and the major parties in India. Hoping is not believing. Mr. Amery has spoken so many thousands of words to justify his attitude of self-righteous inaction that we can scarcely think he will eat them all. And the Prime Minister in the succession of Cabinet reshuffles has passed over so many obvious opportunities of dismissing or transferring Mr. Amery that he must be taken as endorsing the Secretary of State's complacency. So we must not give way to wild optimism."

The paper urges the British Government to negotiate afresh with Congressmen. The object would be the release of all political prisoners and a new attempt to agree upon a full working partnership between Indian parties and the remainder of the British Commanwealth.

"The war in the Far East may last considerably beyond the war in Europe", "The Herald" says. "It is still of great importance to the Allied cause that India should participate wholeheartedly in Allied unity—and certainly that when the tasks of peace begin they should not be hampered by a continuing stalemate in India. Nothing is likely to happen unless he British Government takes the lead. Is it thinking at last so? Or are courtesies which accompanied the release of Mr. Gandhi merely a brief and deceptive interlude in stiff-knecked unenterprise?"

ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN RECOVERS

Dr. Khan Saheb's Reply To Mahatma's Inquiry

PESHAWAR, May 9: In response to Mahatma Gandhi's telegram enquiring about the health of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Dr. Khan Sahib has informed Mahatma Gandhi that his brother has recovered.

Dr. Khan Sahib, expressing thanks on behalf of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, has sent Mahatma Gandhi his best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.—A. P.

ALLAMA'S APPEAL TO GANDHIJI AND JINNAH

LAHORE, May 9

Allama Mashraqui, the Khaksar Leader, in the course of a communication to Mr. Jinnah urges the League Leader to see Mahatma Gandhi to explore the possibility of a settlement between the League and the Congress.

Allama Mashraqui says: Mahatma Gandhi's release has made the situation suddenly most delightful and easy. I implore you with all the humility at my disposal to grasp the opportunity most firmly and start talks with him at once. I have to-day telegraphed to him and await with interest future developments in this direction as well as your friendly gesture to me that you will agree to meet him. As the Mahatma is not in good health, it will be a matter of extreme courtesy to go and see him on his sick bed and no question of prestige can be involved if the step is taken now. In case you ask me to accompany you, I shall be ready to go.

The telegram to Mahatma runs: Your release delightful. Pray speedy recovery. Requesting Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah to make appointment for meeting you as soon as possible in response to your last year's request. Shall accompany him if necessary. Please wire condition health for possible interview.—A. P.

'GLASGOW HERALD' WANTS RIGHT WORD FROM GANDHI'

GLASGOW, May 9: "Glasgow Herald" says: "Mr. Gandhi is that most unusual type of popular leader—a man who combines a conciliatory spirit with a dogmatic formula; and as was shown when the Cripps Mission was in India, it has been more difficult to conduct negotiations with Mr. Gandhi than with a leader such as Pt. Nehru for all his avowed political extremism.

The outlook to-day is more promising than it has been at any time in the past two years and Lord Wavell is not likely to miss the opportunity.

Admittedly the first essential is the building of a bridge between the Government of India and the Congress leaders who are still interned. The right word from Mr. Gandhi would be much more than the equivalent of the first stone. It is personal loyalty on the part of Pt. Nehru to his senior in the movement which hitherto has been the main obstacle. That difficulty could be automatically removed and amicable conversations immediately begun".

U. S. Paper Baffled

WASHINGTON: The "Evening Star" discussing Gandhiji's release says, "So strict has been British censorship on Indian affairs that we know relatively little of what's going on in that vast peninsula with its intricate jumble of races, castes and creeds.

Therefore it is hard to evaluate their background of Government's decision or the political effects. Gandhi's future actions are unpredictable but if the medical diagnosis of his health is correct the chances are he is too sick and worn out to do much in a positive sense.

LOW PUTS GANDHIJI OUTSIDE!

LONDON, May 8.

A cartoon by Low in to-night's "Evening Standard" depicts No. ten Downing Street where the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers is now taking place.

On the door is the inscription "The Conference of Self-Governing peoples of the British Commonwealth." Outside Mr. Gandhi with bowed head appears carrying a card inscribed with two words "If only."—Reuter.

WILL WAVELL FOLLOW ALLENBY?

BIRMINGHAM, May 9: The Conjecture that Lord Wavell will try to persuade Mahatma Gandhi to call off the Civil Disobedience campaign, thus opening the way to the release of other Congress leaders, is made by the writer of London Diary in to-day's "Birmingham Gazette."

The writer quotes a friend who has known Lord Wavell for a long time as being convinced that though doubtless the official explanation of the release of Mahatma Gandhi as being on medical grounds was technically accurate, the Viceroy hopes for more than return to health by the Indian leader.

He continues: "The action fits in too well, my informant thinks, with Lord Wavell's defence of Lord Allenby in his dealings with Egyptian nationalists after the last war and he regards it as certain that if and when Mahatma Gandhi is well enough the Viceroy will try to persuade him to call off the Civil Disobedience campaign."—Reuter.

Japs Capture Sipeng

Advance On Suiping South Of Yencheng

CHUNGKING, May 8.

The Japanese, advancing south down the Peiping-Hankow railway, have captured Sipeng, according to to-night's Chinese 'communique.' "They are advancing on Suiping 30 miles south of Yencheng" it adds.

The Japanese column pushing up the railway from Kioshan in the Southern Honan Province has been "thrown back by our defences" at Chumatien, about 50 miles north of Sinyang, according to the 'communique.'—Reuter.

JAPS DRIVEN OFF FROM LOYANG

CHUNGKING, May 9—Field despatches to-day said Japanese forces striking for Loyang, which is in the province of Honan and was 6 times the capital of China, have been driven back across the Yiyi river south of the town.—Reuter.

U. S. PLANES BOMB PARAMUSHIRO

WASHINGTON, May 8.

American planes bombed the Japanese base of Paramushiro in the Kuriles, in daylight on May 6th, reports the 'communique' to-day, from the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific, Admiral Chester Nimitz.—Reuter.

U. S. Planes Sweep Over New Guinea

NEW GUINEA, May 9.

Today's communique states:

"North-eastern sector: Dutch New Guinea Kaimana: Our heavy and medium units dropped 38 tons of bombs on Kaimana township and Utarom aerodrome causing fires and explosions.

Schouten Islands: Heavy units struck the Mokmer drome by night and again at midday with fighter escort causing large fires and explosions.

Our heavy and medium units dropped 295 tons of explosives on Japanese Bivouacs and supply dumps at Foemaoe plantation, Sawar drome and Maffin Bay, large fires were started.

British New Guinea Wewak-Hansa coast: Our naval units by night destroyed six Japanese barges, damaged two others and shelled shore targets.

New Britain, Rabaul: Our medium and fighter-bombers from Solomons dropped 53 tons on Tobera drome and Rataval and Tallili Bay supply areas where many fires and explosions were seen. Our night patrols sited seven barges near Jaba River and shelled them.

Wake And Guam Islands Bombed

Nine out of 12 Japanese interceptors were shot down in Schouten Islands, during a heavy attack on the Schouten Group and Wake Island. Nearly 300 tons of bombs were dropped in Wadke area.

Cape Hoskins' aerodrome in New Britain has been occupied by American marine without opposition.

PEARL HARBOUR, May 9.

A communique from Admiral Nimitz announces that American planes shot down seven out of 25 intercepting Japanese planes during a daylight raid on Guam on Saturday. Three others were probably shot down and two damaged.—Reuter.

Allies Make Ten-Mile Advance On Adriatic Coast

Sudden German Withdrawal From Twin Townships

LONDON, May 9

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters in Italy:

Allied troops to-day hold new advanced positions on the mountainous left flank of the Adriatic sector of the Italian front. This follows the sudden German withdrawal in the area of Palena and Letto Palena, twin townships on the important lateral road running across the country. The German withdrawal has permitted the Allies to advance their lines at the most to some 10 miles forward from the formerly announced line.

In the Cassino area German artillery again shelled the railway station area held by Allied troops. The Germans have been pouring a larger number of shells into the rear areas on the Anzio beachhead, evidently in an attempt to destroy Allied supply dumps.

GURKHAS GRAPPLE WITH GERMAN PATROLS

From A. K. Quereshi, A.P.I. Special Correspondent with Indian troops:

Gurkhas with Kukris in one and grenades in the other grappled with a German patrol east of Tollo and threw back the attacking party after a bitter struggle. Another Indian patrol had a sharp, short skirmish with a German patrol south of Guardiagrelle resulting in a quick withdrawal by the Germans.

To-day's Allied Communique states: "LAND: In the mountainous sector of the main front, our troops followed up withdrawal of the enemy south of Monte Maiella.

Yesterday fighter bombers attacked traffic on roads near Rome and also in Yugoslavia. Fighters continued to patrol the battle areas. Two of our aircraft are missing.

German headquarters at Crebic on Peljesak peninsula of Yugoslavia has been wiped out by strafing Spitfires of Coastal Command. Some 32 motor vehicles were destroyed, when light units bombed and strafed the highway network north of Rome yesterday.

LONDON, May 9: Italian prisoners of war under control of the British Government in the United Kingdom who have volunteered are being formed into units organised on a military basis, declared Sir James Grigg, War Minister, in the Commons to-day. They will wear Italian badges of rank and enjoy certain improvements in treatment, particularly in respect of liberty and pay in comparison with those prisoners of war, who do not volunteer and whose treatment will remain as at present.

Units of the Second Corps of the Yugoslav Liberation Army occupied the town of Berane, 12 miles from the Albanian frontier, states to-day's communique from Gen. Tito's headquarters. Yugoslav units have broken into the town of Broadarevo, north of Berane and occupied two Axis strongholds. In Croatia Yugoslav troops rooted an Axis column north of Zagreb. An Axis vessel was sunk on the Danube.

CAIRO, May 9: Anonymous guerilla delegates from Greek underground movements have arrived in the Middle East to meet George Papandreou, the New Greek Prime Minister, and other representatives of the exiled Greek Government for the first conference between Partisans on mainland and exiled leaders since the start of war.

STOP PRESS

150 HUTS BURNT

LUCKNOW, May 9: A huge fire, which raged for more than eight hours, destroyed more than 150 huts in the village of Butbapur, about eight miles from Lucknow. Several heads of cattle were burnt.—A.P.

FINAL PHASE OF BATTLE FOR SEBASTOPOL

MOSCOW, May 9

The battle for Sebastopol has reached its final phase. The German garrison are going down in smoke and flame, says Reuter's Staff Correspondent. Faced with an earth-rending concentration of Soviet guns and planes, they may yet hold out for several days or even longer, but they cannot now avert the inevitable end. Reuter.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SAN SALVADOR

President Martinez Resigns Sequel To General Strike

SAN JOSE (COSTA RICA), May 9.

Heavy fighting is reported to be taking place in San Salvador.

President Meximino Hernandez Martinez resigned on Monday following a Cabinet conference called to consider the situation arising out of a general strike.—Reuter.

2,000 ALLIED PLANES RAID FRANCE, BELGIUM AND GERMANY

LONDON, May 9: The Air Ministry announces that R.A.F. bombers last night attacked railway yards and airfields in France and Belgium in strength. Ten bombers are missing.

Very strong forces of U. S. heavy bombers attacked railway marshalling yards handling German war freight and enemy aerodromes in France Belgium and Luxemburg to-day, announced American headquarters.

Altogether more than two thousand Allied aircraft—bombers and fighters—took part in to-day's great offensives.

The railway yard at Haine St. Pierre and an airfield and seaplane base near Brest and a military objective on the coast of France were bombed by the R. A. F. An attack was also made on Osnabruck and an objective in the Ruhr.

There were ten targets—three marshalling yards and seven aerodromes. German-utilised targets in occupied countries were marshalling yards at Liege in Belgium near the Reich border, Thionville in France, north of Metz, and Luxemburg, aerodromes at Thionville, St. Dizir west of Nancy, Laoncourvron, Laon Athies, north-west of Rheims, and Juvincourt between Rheims and Laon, and at St. Trond and Florennes in Belgium.

Between 750 and 1,000 U. S. four-engined bombers to-day attacked German-held railways and aerodromes in three countries.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

The Allied air offensive was resumed soon after dawn to-day. Bombers and fighters were still crossing the Straits of Dover at breakfast time. Several stations of the Vichy and Paris network went off the air while the Cologne radio said: "Enemy fighter and bomber formations are now over south-west Germany."

15 AXIS BLOCKADE-RUNNERS SUNK

LONDON, May 9: Fifteen fast German and Japanese blockade-runners, four outward bound and eleven inward bound, have been sunk, declared Lord Selborne, Minister for Economic Warfare, in the Lords to-day.

GERMAN CONVOY ATTACKED

LONDON, May 8.

German convoy was attacked off Kristiansund, Norway, early on Saturday by Barracuda aircraft operating from carriers.

Preliminary reports state, says the Admiralty communique tonight, that one large and heavily laden supply ship of 10,000 tons was hit both by bombs and torpedo and broke in two. A supply ship of 3,000 tons was seen to sink and a large tanker of 10,000 tons was hit with two torpedoes and one bomb.—A direct hit was scored with a bomb on one of the convoy's escort vessels and a small supply ship was damaged by near misses. Two German aircraft were shot down and two British aircraft were lost.

The carriers were escorted by home fleet ships under the command of Captain N. V. H. Race in the cruiser Berwick, and the Barracudas had naval fighter aircraft protection.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Home Fleet says that it is third time for the British Navy to steam unopposed close to the Norwegian coast to deliver another smashing attack by carrier borne Barracuda bombers.

The Barracudas hit four ships in two convoys.

Cruiser Berwick's air staff commander told me, "Escorted by Hellcats, Barracudas flew in and we found one convoy almost immediately. "Part of the force was detached to attack it the rest going on up the coast to look for bigger game. We were lucky for 12 miles north-east we sighted another convoy consisting of a 10,000 ton freighter fully laden and a tanker in ballast of the same tonnage.

"We attacked both with bombs and torpedoes. In the first convoy a 10,000-ton freighter was hit by two or three bombs and one torpedo and will be out of action for a very long time if she is not a dead loss. The tanker was hit by one bomb and two torpedoes and definitely will not be seaworthy for several months. We lost one Barracuda in each attack.

PATNA, May 8: Mr. Acharya Badrinath Varma, Joint Editor of the 'Searchlight' and Pandit Hargovind Misra, M.L.A., member of the A I C C who were detained for two years in the Hazaribagh Central Jail were released unconditionally yesterday. They arrived here this morning.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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CALCUTTA, May 9.

The market rules firm and active and a fair business was put through round all sections. Government securities were unchanged.

ALLIES SCORE "LOCAL SUCCESSES" IN IMPHAL

Operations To Clear Japs From Vicinity Of Kohima Continue

KANDY, May 9.

Operations to clear the Japanese from the vicinity of Kohima are continuing, says to-day's "communique" issued at the headquarters of the South East Asia Command.

In the period from May 4 to 6 750 Japanese dead were counted and further heavy casualties have been inflicted since.

The 'communique' adds that in all sectors of the Imphal plain, the Allies have obtained local successes. On the Palel road (south of Imphal) the Japanese have suffered heavy losses. In the Fort Hertz valley, the Japanese are attacking northwest of Nsopzup on Mali river. Longrange United States army air force fighters struck at Kangaung airfield.

Punjab Regiment Does It

It has now been established that in the engagement when a patrol of the 14th Punjab regiment surprised a Japanese artillery detachment near Bishenpur four enemy guns were captured and 35 Japanese were killed. Two miles south of Bishenpur following heavy and accurate bombing by Allied aircraft, our infantry supported by tanks drove the enemy from a village. Both north-east and south of Palel advances were made in the hills and villages were captured. On the Palel road despite their failure of the previous day the Japanese made further unsuccessful attacks and again suffered heavy losses, including the destruction of two medium tanks by "tank-busters" of the R. A. F.

In the Arakan, south of Maungdaw, our artillery dispersed a Japanese party forming up for an attack. Otherwise there is nothing to report.

In daylight on 8th May, long range U.S.A.A.F. fighters of the third tactical air force, eastern air command, struck at Kangaung airfield, destroying three out of six enemy fighters in the air and destroying one twin-engined bomber and damaging two fighters on the ground. In a later attack U.S.A.A.F. long range fighters damaged two more enemy fighters in air combat.

ATTACK ON ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS

R. A. F. and I. A. F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers in daylight on 7th and 8th May strongly attacked enemy positions, road and river transport and a bridge in the Arakan, Mayu, Kaladan and north-west Burma areas.

Continuing their offensive against enemy communications long range R. A. F. fighters in daylight on the 8th May damaged enemy rolling stock, a large water tank and factory in the Thazi area (East of Meiktila). On the previous day, an oil pipe line north of Letpadan (on the Rangoon-Prome railway) was set on fire.

From all thes. operations two Allied aircraft are missing.

Railway Line To Mandalay Blown Up

From Sam Jackett, Reuter's special correspondent at the S.E.A.C. headquarters in Kandy, May 9. Airborne Chindits are tightening their stranglehold on Japanese lines of communication in the Indaw-Myitkyina-Bhamo triangle. They are preparing the way for General Stilwell's thrust to Myitkyina. They have blown up the main railway line to Mandalay in ten places in the vicinity of Indaw. Each gap is two feet wide. Culverts have been blown and 5,000 gallons of petrol sent sky high.

Primate Of East Optimistic

NOVAGOA, May 9: The war in the East will not much outlast the war in the West. The slow but sure reconquest of the Pacific islands by American troops will soon bring Japan within range of direct attack," said Dom Jose Da Costa Nunes, Archbishop of Goa, Primate of the East, Patriarch of the East Indies.

"It is not my business to forecast on military matters", His Excellency went on, but the collapse of the Axis powers in Europe seems imminent and will be the prelude to the final discomfiture of Jap Imperialism.

The Allies have not yet thrown their full weight in the battle of Europe. They are still harnessing their might. When they finally decide on large-scale invasion, the end of the war will be within sight. But it is much easier to win a war than to win peace. Nations have yet to learn that the only foundation of lasting peace is justice—justice that is born of charity."—A. P.

BRITAIN REDUCES AGE LIMIT

LONDON, May 9.

The British Government have decided that the age limit for men serving in the army overseas shall be reduced from 19 to 18 1/2.

Announcing this in the Commons to-day, Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War, said: "This critical stage of the war demands that in the coming months we must make the fullest use of all our trained men to ensure that there is the greatest possible weight behind our blows and that the impetus of our attack is maintained."

In the Royal Navy men may serve afloat in ships based on both home and foreign stations at the age of 18 and R.A.F. personnel are also permitted to serve overseas at this age."

ROYAL COMMISSION TO LEVEL UP WAGES

Mr. Churchill announced in the Commons to-day that Government had decided to set up a Royal Commission to consider the question of equal pay for equal work—equal pay for the job, whether done by a man or a woman.

When asked whether the Commission would report quicker than any other body Mr. Churchill replied: "I cannot prophesy about the future actions of Royal Commissions. In a very serious matter like this, involving over £42,000,000 of public expense some inquiry is necessary.

"GREATEST WOMAN COMPOSER" DEAD

LONDON, May 9: Dame Ethel Smyth, the greatest woman composer of all time, author, journalist, suffragette and athlete died at Woking, Surrey, during the night aged 86.—Reuter.

"NATIONALISTS WILL REPLACE LEAGUERS"

NEW DELHI, May 8

According to one of the resolutions passed at the Nationalist Muslim Conference the sheet-anchor of Nationalist Muslim policy will be the indivisibility of India but united together by an All-India Federation of all the units which will enjoy complete autonomy in whom residuary powers will be vested and every unit enjoying the right of secession which will be decided by plebescite among all its adult inhabitants.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi expressed the opinion that Nationalist Muslims will sooner or later replace the Muslim League organisation as Pakistan will not solve the Indian problem.—O.P.I.

25 Women Killed In Roof Collapse

PESHAWAR, May 8: About 25 women were killed and 30 injured when the roof of a house where a marriage party was sitting, collapsed in the village of Mian Gujram, Peshawar District.—O.P.I.

SURAT, May 8.

The authorities have decided to appoint a Managing Committee in the place of the superseded Surat Borough Municipality. The personnel of the Committee will be announced shortly.—A. P.

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NATIONALIST MUSLIMS URGE HINDU-MUSLIM SETTLEMENT

Leaders Explain Plans To Implement Resolutions Of Conference

NEW DELHI, May 8

"In regard to the resolutions passed by the Conference of Nationalist Muslims, Mr. Brelvi, Hafiz Mohamed Ibrahim and Dr. Shaukatullah Shah Ansari explained to press correspondents this evening the background of the meeting and said that the second resolution set out the immediate programme with which Nationalist Muslims proposed to go before the country. Nationalist Muslims, they said, realised that the Congress took certain steps which would hasten to Hindu-Muslim settlement but unfortunately those steps were interrupted by the arrest of Congress leaders. With Gandhiji's release the process of attempting a settlement would be resumed and Nationalist Muslims suggested in the resolution means by which that settlement could be hastened.

UNITY OF INDIA

As Muslims, they asserted they believed in the unity of India, but they also conceded the right of each territorial unit to secede if it so chose. They also contemplated redistribution of these units.

What was proposed in the resolution, they emphasised, was definitely not Pakistan, by which was understood acceptance of the division of India.

"We are declaring ourselves against Pakistan as detrimental to the country and our advice is that Muslims should not want Pakistan but should let India remain a united country for all time to come. That is the fundamental difference between us and the League."

There was, however, in the mind of certain people the fear of a federation by compulsion and in order to allay that fear, Nationalist Muslims conceded the right of secession but advised the units not to exercise that right.

PARTY'S PROGRAMME

The meeting, they said, would devise methods to implement the resolution, and in the pursuit of their ideal, they contemplated replacement of the Muslim League. They were considering the reorganisation of Nationalist Muslims into a party and the revival of the branches which once existed of that party in every province. Those who attended the meeting did so as individual Nationalist Muslim and were a larger body than the Azad Muslim Board.

The meeting also passed a resolution "welcoming" Gandhiji's unconditional release and praying for his early recovery "so that he might once again resume his services to the cause of India's freedom."

In another resolution the meeting drew attention to "the common and unbreakable bonds of faith and affection which unite the Muslims of India to their Arab brethren in Palestine" and warned the British Government that "if it once again breaks its promises clearly given in the White Paper and surrenders to the financial pressure of the Jews and the dictates of plutocratic America, it will unleash the boundless indignation and hostility not only of the Muslims of India but of the entire world." The meeting declared that if the attempts to change the status of the Arabs and Jews of Palestine succeeded, the meeting would hold the British Government entirely responsible for the "consequent hostility of Muslims and the crime of ignoring democratic principles by forcing a majority to submit to a minority."

The meeting expressed grief at the death of Mr. Allah Baksh, Begum Azad and Kasturba Gandhi.—A. P.

MANY KILLED IN EUPHRATES FLOOD

BAGHDAD, May 9: Many people were killed and injured when the Euphrates overflowed its banks flooding town of Abu Kemal and the surrounding region on the Syrian-Irak border, 220 miles north-west of Baghdad. Hundreds of houses have been destroyed and homeless population been evacuated.

Help has been rushed to the scene of disaster.

LIFT BLOCKADE OF NATIONS UNDER AXIS

Bernard Shaw On Lessons Of First Great War

LONDON, May 9: Mr. James Maxton, the Independent Labour Member of Parliament, speaking at a meeting organised by the food relief campaign on Monday night, declared that the blockade of occupied Europe was a failure and should be lifted so that thousands of starving women and children could get food.

Mr. R. R. Stockes, the Labour Member of Parliament, said that in German-occupied countries there were eleven million children of 13 years and under who were actually starving. "It is all part of the plan on the part of Germans to reduce the vitality and stature of the surrounding countries", he added.

George Bernard Shaw in a message to the meeting said: "In 1918 we maintained the blockade after the armistice and starved millions of children. If we do that again we shall deserve the worst that may happen to us later. Every meal they eat at our table will be the safest form of insurance against another war."—Reuter.

Belgium To Join British Commonwealth?

LONDON (By Mail): That Belgium might become a member of the British Empire in exchange for guarantees concerning her future, says a "Daily Sketch" story. The "Sketch" said under a two column headline:—

"Belgium given certain essential guarantees, is ready to put her future in charge of Britain, i.e. to become in fact a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"This assumption was cautiously approved by a spokesman of the Belgium Ministry of Information when he was questioned about a speech made earlier by his chief, M. Delfosse in Belfast envisaging the possibility of Belgium joining British Commonwealth of Nations."—India Press Service.

Kapurthala Prince Visits Egypt And Syria

CAIRO, May 9: H. H. the Maharajkumar of Kapurthala has concluded a seven-day visit to the Indian troops in Egypt and is now touring Palestine and Syria.

At Cairo he was entertained to lunch by the British Ambassador and Lady Killearn and to dinner by Gen. Sir Bernard Paget C.-in-C.

The Maharajkumar visited reinforcement camps, where he chatted with men drawn from Kapurthala State and surrounding districts. He made a special journey to visit a detachment of Sikhs guarding an important installation somewhere in Egypt. He chatted with patients in two hospitals and paid attention to the welfare for troops by visiting clubs and recreation rooms.

The Maharajkumar stated that he found the troops in good heart and confident they are doing a good job of work. He complimented them on their smartness and efficiency.—Reuter.

SMUTS-AMERY "TETE-A-TETE"

LONDON, May 9: Before proceeding to the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers this morning Gen. Smuts had an hour's private talk at his hotel with the Secretary of State for India Mr. Amery.

FRENCH ADMIRAL ON TRIAL

ALGIERS, May 9: The trial of Admiral Louis Derrien will open on Thursday before the Algiers military court. He is accused of surrendering units of the French Fleet at Bizerta to the Germans.

KARACHI, May 9: Two dangerous Hur outlaws, both of them with heavy prizes on their heads, were disposed of as the result of an encounter between their gang and a party of armed police, says a report from Mirpurkhas. Murid Makhami, one of the few remaining leaders of the Hur movement, was shot dead and another, Akau Vasan, was seriously wounded.

ONE TO HANG FOR HARIPUR RIOTS

PESHAWAR, May 9: The accused Yaqub Khan has been convicted and sentenced to death under Sec. 302 I.P.C. for murdering Bawatar Singh in the recent Haripur communal riot when two Sikhs were killed and Gurdwara burnt. Yaqub Khan has also been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment under Section 395 I. P. C. for committing dacoity.

Three other accused were acquitted by the Sessions Judge, Abbottabad.—United Press.

Action Against 38 City Cotton Merchants

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Thirty-eight well-known cotton and yarn merchants of Bombay, it is reliably understood, were served with notices, to-day cancelling their trading licences and freezing their stocks by the Provincial Textile Control Department of Bombay Government.

WOMAN SUES C. P. GOVT. FOR DAMAGES

Denies Official Reasons For Her Dismissal From Service

(From Our Own Correspondent)
NAGPUR, (By Mail).

Miss Rajul Shah, formerly Horticulturist in the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar, in the C P Citrus Fruit Research Scheme has filed a suit against the Provincial Government claiming damages amounting to Rs. 13,638, for illegal and malicious dismissal from service.

Miss Shah who was appointed Horticulturist on 30th April 1937 was placed under suspension on 10th February, 1940 pending a departmental enquiry into the whole administration of the C. P. Citrus Fruit Research Scheme. The charges for suspension were that she had not submitted her annual report of the work done for the year 1938-39 and that she was absent from the headquarters from 16th January 1939 without leaving any intimation about her movements and address. She was later served with a notice of termination of her services after six months.

Miss Shah avers that the said notice amounted to an illegal dismissal of the plaintiff from the services of the defendant not only by the fact that it was given during the period when the plaintiff was placed under suspension, but also by the fact that the plaintiff before her services were terminated was not given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action in regard to her. She states that she had already submitted her annual report on 14th July 1939 and had taken permission of the departmental head to leave her station.

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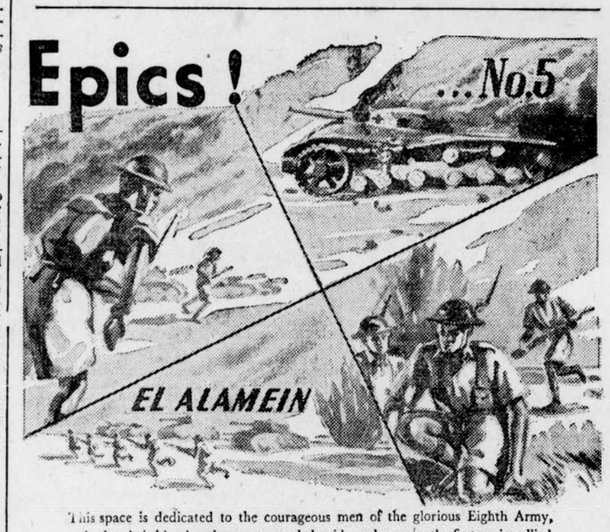

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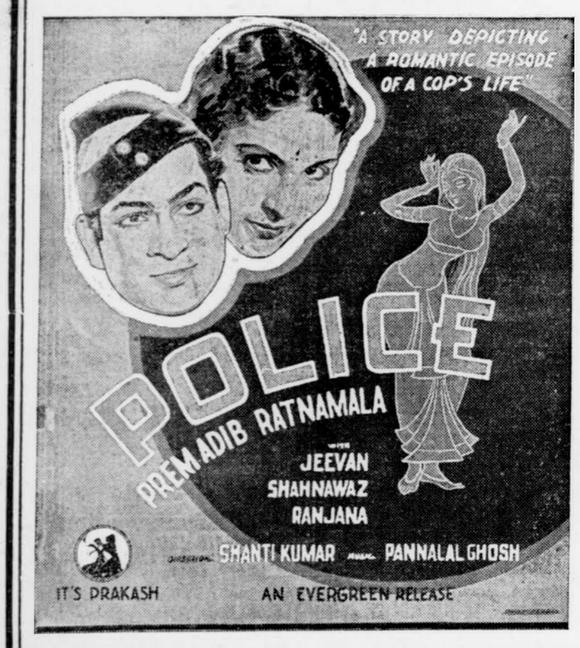

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CITY AND SUBURBS

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Sunrise: 7-8 a.m., Sunset: 8-2 p.m.
Hightide: 0-45, 13-35, Lowtide 6-49 19-28.
Municipal standing Committee 2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

To-day's Engagements

PRAYER FOR MAHATMA: Under the auspices of the Lad Caste, Bombay, there will be prayer to wish long life to Mahatma Gandhi to-day (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. (N.S.T.) at the Lad Wadi, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain today (Wednesday) 6-15 p.m.

B. P. HINDU SABHA: A meeting will be held at Kitte-Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road, Dadar, at 6-30 p.m. today (Wednesday) to celebrate the 'Independence Day' Syt. G. M. Nalavade, ex-President, Poona Municipality, will be the main speaker.

INDIAN SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY: There will be a discourse and seances at 51, Govardhandas Building, Opp. Portuguese Church, Girgaum, today (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: On "the arrangement of 72 Has of Yasna" at Mazdaznan Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ: Mr. Ambadi Damodaran will meet the members of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) today (Wednesday) at the Samaj Premises Dadar.

ARYA SAMAJ RELIEF WORK: Those who have recorded their claims of damages through Arya Samaj Bombay are informed that legal affidavits are being prepared and lawyers are engaged for this purpose and therewore they are requested to come to the Samaj at 7 p.m. (S.T.)

Those who wish to dig out and remove debris for taking out articles from ruined buildings which were situated at Kazi Sayed Street, should approach the Samaj for financial help, Tel. No. 25375.

Naval Ratings Jailed And Fined

Ronald McBride and three other naval ratings were each sentenced to a day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 by Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court to-day. The accused were charged with robbery

"SHAHABAZ" REAPPEARS AS PUNJAB PREMIER'S PAPER

LAHORE, May 9: The Daily 'Shahbaz' which suspended publication following the recent Parliament controversy in the Punjab, reappeared to-day under a new editorial management. The paper has been purchased by Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab.—A. P.

KATJU CRITICISES BEAUMONT

ALLAHABAD, May 8.

The Federal Court has now won a place for itself in the Constitution of India by its independent and correct approach to all questions in which liberty of the subject is involved. It enjoys, the confidence and the respect of the Indian people. There is a widespread feeling that as a Court of last resort in India justice, pure and dispassionate can be had in that Court, writes Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, ex-Minister of Law and Order in the United Provinces, in an editorial in the Allahabad Law Journal criticising the remark of Sir John Beaumont, the late Chief Justice of Bombay, when it is reported, speaking before the East India Association last week in London, he characterised the Federal Court as "An expensive Luxury" and expressed the opinion that it was a blunder to constitute the Court before Federation was in sight.

CALCUTTA, May 9: It is understood that the Government of India have permitted the 'Saturday Mail' to continue the publication as a special case. The 'Saturday Mail' was started early in February last and was regarded as the first Indian news weekly on foreign affairs conducted on the western model.—United Press.

'VOICE OF BENGAL' SHOW TERMINATES

Bombay Has Not Yet Given Enough, Says Mr. Rajhansa

The three-day programme of the "Voice of Bengal", Ballet, songs and dances held at the Marathi Stage Centenary Pandal in aid of Bengal Relief and Medical Fund terminated very successfully on Monday night with Mr. N. S. Rajhansa alias Balgandharva in the chair.

The president in an appealing speech exhorted the audience to give generously as the cause was great and the amount up till now sent immeasurably small. He also pointed out that Bombay was the mother of Industries and how the nation every now and then looked upon her for her feed. Concluding he expressed confidence that Bengal the birthplace of Gurudev and other big souls will not be allowed to die, but will be helped to its utmost by one and all.

Th outstanding feature of the show was an auction by Poet Harindranath Chattopadyaya of "Mahatma's portrait from Life" done by a Bengali artist, Chittaprosad, depicting Mahatmaji in a characteristic pose during his morning prayers, which fetched Rs. 2,200 from a gentleman who preferred to remain undisclosed, and has again donated for further auction in Ahmedabad with another picture of Mahatmaji drawn with human hair by Miss Krishna Kamat.

"Journalists and cine stars were in a more generous mood than the millionaires" observed Mr. K. A. Abbas while giving the report of the donations received. Child-actor Surendra, who played 'Manik's' part in the "Voice of Bengal", drama full of the grim realities of Bengal, donated Rs. 100.

EXHIBITION SOCCER AT PAREL

To Aid Mayor's Emergency Relief Fund

To help the sufferers from the recent explosions and fires in Bombay, the Indian Football League has arranged a couple of exhibition matches to be staged at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, on Sunday, May 21.

The chief attraction of the evening will be a contest between two selected sides named after Mr. D. Moir, President of the W.I.F.A., and Mr. J. C. Maitra, President of the I.F.L. It is understood that Mr. Moir's team will consist of some of the best European players in the City chiefly from the Royal Air Force while the Indian team will have the cream of Indian football in its composition. It is sure to be a grand treat for the soccer lovers living in the northern part of the City.

Prior to this engagement there will be a match between an Italian XI and Tatas S.C. which will also provide interesting football.

The Band of the City Police will be in attendance from 5 p.m.

A bevy of handsome young ladies will sell special programmes on the occasion.

The rates of tickets are Rs. 2 and 1 and as. 8 and 4.

The entire proceeds of these matches will be handed over to the Mayor's Citizen's Emergency Relief Fund.

MUNSHIGANJ, May 9: A dacoity was committed in the house of a retired police officer in the village of Ichhapura in the course of which, it is stated, a gun with 13 cartridges were taken away.—United Press.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, May 9.

SHARES: The Share Market opened steady and due to active buying, Steel Shares advanced briskly. Textiles in sympathy improved haltingly but the undertone was quiet. In the miscellaneous list there was no particular change.

Tata Steel Defd. after opening at Rs.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay Dyeing (1962-8) 1963 3/4 60 61 1/4 66 1/4
Central India (433) 434 36 1/2 433 34 1/2
Kohinor (662) 664 660 662
New Great (409) 410 409 411 410
Simplex (263) 263 64 1/2 63 64
Swadeshi (623) 624 627 623 625
Associated Cement (234-12) 234-12 236-4
T. Steel Dfd. (2105) 2102 1/2 17 1/2 12 1/2 30 15 1/4 50 22 1/2 47 1/2 45
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New India Ins. (78-12) 79-4 79 79-12

2,105 advanced to Rs. 2145, while ordinaries improves to Rs. 411. Bombayg Dyeing were quiet at Rs. 1,970. Kohinoor were placed at Rs. 664; New Great Rs. 411; Nagpur Rs. 434; Simplex Rs. 264; Gokak Rs. 343/8; Finlay Rs. 323; Swan Rs. 352; India United Ordinary Rs. 19/2; Defd. Rs. 4/1; Scindia Rs. 34/5; Indian Iron Rs. 36-6; Bengal Steel Rs. 28/2; Indian Copper Rs. 2/12/6; 3 1/2 per cent G P Notes Rs. 98/5.

Textile: Ahd Advance 502/8; Apollo 4-15 1/2; Bharat Spg 78/12; Bombay Dyeing 1966/4; Central India 434/8; Century 960; Colaba 235/8; Dawn 1675; Edward 722/8; Elphinstone 110; Finlay 321; Gokak 342; Hindustan 4010; I. Bleaching 209; Indian United O 19; Indian United D 4; Indore 1161/4; Khatau 400; Kohinoor 662; Laksmi 1512/8; Madhowji 23; Minerva 309/6; Model Nagpur 297/8; Madhusudhan 495; Mayer Sassoon 222/8; Morarji 722/8; Mysore 325; New Great 410; Phoenix 680; Podar 432/8; Sassoon Silk 104; Sassoon Cotton 29/12; Shrinivas 447/8; Sholapur 8700; Simplex 264; Svadeshi 625; Swan 348; Tata Mills 70/12; Vishnu 590; Western India 3650.

proved further. The old delivery rate for silver was quoted at Rs. 138/4; and the new delivery rate was quoted at Rs. 137/10 Gold held steady at Rs. 75-10. The Reserve Bank offered 50,000 tolas of gold at Rs. 75/8.

Later on silver prices dropped to Rs. 135-14 on rumours of sale by the Reserve Bank but rallied to Rs. 137. Gold after easing off to Rs. 75-3. Closed steady at Rs. 75-8.

COTTON: The Cotton Market was quiet and business continued to be small. At lower levels, there was no pressure for sales, but bullish enthusiasm is lacking due to the discouraging situation in the ready market.

I C C July opened at Rs. 435/8 and after touching Rs. 437 reacted to Rs. 436.

Later on the market faced heavy unloading and July position dropped to Rs. 431-12 to close at Rs. 432-8. May contract was particularly weak on absence of support.

CLOSING PRICES: I C C May Rs. 405-8; I C C July Rs. 432-8; I C C Sept. Rs. 445-12.

MONDAY'S HIGH AND LOW RATES

I C C May highest 420 1/2; lowest 414; closing 414; I C C July highest 442 1/2; lowest 435 1/2; closing 436 1/4; I C C Sept. highest 54 1/2; lowest 449 1/2; closing 449 1/2

COTTON TENDERS ON 8/5/44: I C C May 1,300 bales.
Total to-date 22,850 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK May 8.

Cotton narrow with activity consisting largely of switching operations from May to distant options and routine mill price-fixing against textile contracts. Traders are still cautious pending developments abroad new crop prospects and the proposals for higher textile wages and ceilings. The Journal of Commerce estimates U.S. cotton acreage at 21,219,000 acres, a decrease of 3 per cent compared with 1943 planted area.

COTTON PARITY: I C C July below N.Y. July 379 cent points at Ex. 331.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, May 8.
To-day's Closing
May 21.14; July 20.61; October 20.00; Middling spot 21.55.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
May 21.28; July 20.74; October 20.03; Middling spot 20.72.

NEW YORK COTTON
NOON CALL
May 21.12; July 20.58; October 20.72.

LONDON SILVER
LONDON, May 8.
To-day's Price
Spot 23 1/2; Forward 23 1/2.

LONDON GOLD
London gold fine per oz £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES
T T LONDON ON:
New York sellers 4.02 1/2; buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 44.00; Montreal sellers 4.43; buyers 4.47; Zurich sellers 17.3; buyers 17.4; Stockholm sellers 16.85; buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT
Wheat Rozario (new crop) unquoted; Wheat Australian, (bulk) 36 May/June quoted; Wheat Australian (bagged) 39 May/June quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent £70 1/2; Consols 2 1/2 per cent £79 3/16; Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 £104 5/8; War loan 3 1/2 per cent £103 3/16; Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £112 7/8; Victory Bonds 4 per cent £113 1/4; Chartered Bank of I.A. and China £9 3/5; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg) £76; National Bank of India £7 3/4.

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Bombay, May 9

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289 F. American	565	560	555	550
Saw-Gd 4 F.	505	500	495	490
Saw-Gd L. S. S.	560	555	550	545
Saw-Gd 289 F	615	610	605	600
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, May 9: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 8th May 1944:—

Allahabad 110 83 0; Bombay 91 80 0; Calcutta 103 90 0; Cawnpore 109 75 0; Cuttack 107 82 0; Darjeeling 66 54 T; Delhi 108 78 0; Dehradun 101 82 0; Jacobabad 104 75 0; Karachi 86 76 0; Lahore 101 75 0; Lucknow 112 73 0; Madras 97 81 0; Nagpur 112 84 0; Patna 109 80 0; Peshawar 95 69 0; Shillong 79 69 0; Simla 76 63 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

All that England can do is to help India to work out her own salvation. All progress at the dictation of another, whose hand is at India's throat, is valueless, in my opinion. The highest work can only degenerate when slave-labour produces it.

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA.

The Bombay Chronicle

NATIONALIST MUSLIMS' LEAD

The resolutions adopted by the Delhi meeting of Nationalist Muslims voice the feeling in a considerable and growing section of the Muslim community. The meeting is understood to have been attended by leaders of the Ahrar Party, amJiat-ul-Ulemai Hind, Momin Conference Krishak Praja Party, Jamiat-ul-Ulemai Hind, Conference, Muslim Majlis, Khudai Khidmatgars of N.-W. Province, Anjuman-Watan of Baluchistan and Independent Muslims. Nor shall we be surprised if the resolutions elicit a fair measure of sympathy from a number of Muslim League leaders. They certainly give the right lead to patriotic Muslims. The main resolution rightly suggests that a lasting communal settlement is possible on the following "fundamental considerations": that (1) India should continue to remain a united country; that (2) the constitution of India should be framed by its own people; that (3) there should be an All-India Federation; that (4) the units of Federation should be completely autonomous and all residuary powers should be vested in them; that (5) every unit of the Federation should be free to secede from it as a result of a plebiscite of all its adult inhabitants and that (6) the religious, economic and cultural rights of minorities should be fully and effectively safeguarded by reciprocal agreement. As a matter of fact all these fundamental claims have been virtually conceded by the Congress and they fully safeguard the best interests of the minorities.

It is much to be hoped that prominent Nationalist Muslim leaders will carry on nation-wide educative propaganda in support of their resolutions. Indeed, some of them have already announced that the resolution noted above sets out the immediate programme with which Nationalist Muslims propose to go before the country. We share their hope that Gandhiji's release will lead to an early resumption of the attempts made by Congress to bring about a communal settlement but abruptly suspended by the arrest and detention of Congress leaders. Nationalists, Hindu and Muslim, may well prepare the ground for formal negotiations for a communal settlement.

British Labour's Mad Proposal

However admirable and practicable may be the planks in the British Labour Party's programme of social and economic amelioration in the domestic field, in the matter of its foreign policy, specially that relating to the British colonial empire, there is very little to distinguish the aims and programmes of the Party from those of the Imperialists of the Churchill-Amery-Anderson brand. Mr. Shinwell's wholehearted endorsement of the Churchillian declaration that the British Empire must and will be maintained intact and the views generally expressed by him and other Labour leaders about the political future of India, Ceylon and other overseas "possessions" of Britain, have clearly shown that the Party's homage to Democracy, outside the British Isles, is but lip-deep.

The Party gave the world further glaring proof of its reactionary ambitions and policies in the statement issued by it recently on the subject of Palestine. In this statement the Party has gone to the length of suggesting that the Arabs—who, let it be remembered, form the majority of the population in Palestine—"should be encouraged to move out of Palestine as the Jews move in." Let them be compensated handsomely for their land", the statement generously goes on to say, "and let their settlement elsewhere be carefully organised and generously financed. The Arabs have wide territories of their own, they must not claim to exclude the Jews from this small area of Palestine." The Labour Party has not explained how the Arabs, if they refuse to "move out" of their homelands, to oblige the Labour Party and other Arab-phobes, are to be made to do so. Obviously, either coercion or chicanery are to be resorted to to secure the end in view, though the party does not say it in so many words. Is there a third way? The Arabs have been bitterly complaining for many years past that all sorts of subterfuges have been adopted by the authorities to swell the Jewish population and to despoil them of their legitimate rights. There have been sporadic disturbances in the country as a result of the repressive policy adopted by the authorities and a good deal of blood has also been shed on both sides. If, on the advice of the Labour Party, further coercion is to be applied to hound the Arabs out of Palestine, which is not only their homeland, but also a holy land, too, to the entire Muslim world, the consequences cannot be easily contemplated. There is at present a strong and widespread movement among people of Arabian nationality throughout the Middle East to establish a Pan-Arab State, in the shape of a federation of Arab States. Palestine, as a predominantly Arab state, is definitely included in such a scheme. Will the Arabian people outside Palestine accept the Labour Party's suggestion that their country should be forcibly kept out of that Federation? What will be the reaction of the existing Arab and Muslim States like Syria, Lebanon, Transjordania and Egypt to the proposal? Will it promote peace in the Middle East or will it be one more apple of discord thrown in an already disturbed and embittered world?

The Labour Party's proposal, from whatever view-point it is considered, cannot but be considered a mad one. There is ample room in Palestine for all Jews who were originally inhabitants of that country before the Palestine mandate was imposed and those who have since honestly and legitimately settled down in that country, but such a settlement should not be promoted in the future at the expense of the sons of the soil. If more Jews cannot be accommodated in Palestine without ousting the Arabs, then homes must be found for them in sparsely populated continents like Africa, Australia and North and South America. But the Labour Party is clearly well aware that the whites in all these continents, especially those of British extraction, will stoutly resist any proposal to set up Jewish homes in their midst, and so the party has thought of the plan to oust the Arabs from Palestine, by hook or crook, to make room for more Jews, because, perhaps, it imagines that the Arabs can be more easily coerced or fooled than the white races. But the Party is obviously living in a fool's paradise.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Attack On Sebastopol

The Red Army seems to have launched its final assault upon Sebastopol. A Moscow communique says that Russian troops supported by massed blows by aircraft and powerful artillery fire started the storming of the Crimean citadel on Sunday and effected a break-through the following day. The Russians have penetrated four miles and they have captured heights which dominate Sebastopol. The German garrison must have no doubt benefited by the recent lull but its final liquidation is now only a matter of time. The real interest lies not so much in the period taken by the Red Army to occupy Sebastopol but in the number of prisoners it takes. Every possible care is taken to see that Sebastopol does not become a German Dunkirk and the Red Fleet in the Black Sea has already taken a heavy toll of German transports. The fall of Sebastopol may well mark the opening of a decisive offensive in the Balkans.

Wadia Hospital For Children

The annual report of the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children for the year 1943 shows that the Hospital amply maintains its reputation as one of the best of its kind in the country. Indeed, its growing popularity is bringing to it more and more patients from far and near, 2,755 having been admitted in 1943, as against 2,287 in the year before, and the corresponding figures for out-patients being 13,666 and 9,076. We fear the increase is due to no small extent, directly or indirectly, to malnutrition caused by food scarcity and high prices. Care should be taken to see that the scarcity and high prices do not adversely affect the children's diet and treatment in the hospital. We note that this fate was averted by a timely extra grant of Rs. 30,000 to the Hospital by the Municipal Corporation. We trust the extra grant will be renewed in 1944.

TASK BEFORE CITY CONGRESSMEN

BOMBAY, May 9: An informal meeting of Congressmen in the city of Bombay held this evening reiterated their faith in non-violence and reaffirmed their unswerving and unflinching confidence in and loyalty to Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Nagindas Master, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, presided.

The meeting exhorted Congressmen to continue the constructive programme of the Congress, particularly in regard to Hindu-Muslim unity and removal of untouchability. They were also urged to lay stress on the programme of self-sufficiency and all that it legitimately included and render the utmost help in relieving the miseries and loss of the people in the city due to the recent disaster and also the sufferings and miseries in other parts of the country due to food-shortage, famine and disease.

Mr. Nagindas Master, who presided over the meeting, reviewed the happenings since August, 1942, and said Congressmen had maintained their morale unimpaired and loyally stuck to the true principles of Congress work. This, he added, was due to their unflinching and unimpeachable faith in Mahatma Gandhi's leadership and his policy of non-violence. *Congressmen in the city, Mr. Master added, entirely dissociated themselves from all activities and methods of work seemingly inconsistent with those which Mahatma Gandhi had preached and practised and also got the country to practise for the last 25 years.*

I. F. L. EXECUTIVE THANKS ROY FOR SECURING GRANT!

More Light On Rs. 13,000 Per Month For War Propaganda

JHARIA, May 8.

"In view of the misunderstandings prevailing in some quarters about the grant of Rs. 13,000 per month made to the Indian Federation of Labour by the Government of India for war propaganda, the Executive Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour feels it desirable to clarify the position", says a resolution unanimously adopted by the Committee at its meeting held here under the presidentship of Mr. Manek Homi.

The resolution adds: "The Indian Federation of Labour, in pursuance of its firm conviction that the defeat of Fascism was essential for safeguarding the future of the toiling masses of India has from its inception carried on propaganda in support of the war efforts. While this propaganda was being carried on the Government of India accepted a propaganda scheme presented by Mr. M. N. Roy, General Secretary of the Federation, according to which a sum of Rs. 13,000 was to be spent in definite amounts in a few specified provinces. Mr. Roy was authorised to appoint nominees in the provinces concerned who were to be in charge of the work and who were to receive and account for the sums allotted. In granting this financial assistance, no conditions were either put by the Government or accepted by Mr. Roy as to the type of war propaganda which was to be carried on; so that the workers of the Federation had complete freedom to propagate their views with regard to the revolutionary nature of the anti-Fascist war.

"The day to day activities of the federation are financed entirely out of the affiliation fees and other revenues of the Federation. The Government grant having been earmarked for specific activities in specific localities, neither the Federation nor its Executive Committee nor the affiliated unions as such have any say in the matter of its spending, although all activities according to the propaganda scheme, are always and everywhere carried on through the organisational machinery of the Federation.

"This meeting reaffirms its approval of this arrangement, and appreciates the action of the Government in making the grant. It also places on record its grateful thanks to Mr. Roy for securing the grant which materially helped the Federation in discharging its most vital task of popularising the war efforts, a task which the Federation has always regarded as its primary duty to the Indian working class."—A. P.

Plight Of Families Of Prisoners

I wish to draw your attention to the high-handed action taken during recent months by the authorities in Almora district, with regard to the assistance given by private philanthropy to the families of Congressmen in gaol.

In case any of your readers is curious, I may mention that I came out from England to this country in 1932 drawn by a desire to see for myself what I had heard and read of the pitiful condition of the peasant of India. Having been originally associated with the Vidya Bhawan at Udaipur, I lived in Gandhiji's Sevagram Ashram almost up to 1941. Since then, I have been in Almora for health reasons.

As a result of the disturbances which started in August 1942 there are nearly one hundred families scattered over Almora district who are suffering great privation, amounting to starvation, on account of the fact that their bread-winners are in jail. In some cases, the men are avoiding arrest and are not traced even by their relations. Their families are also suffering the same distress as those of the men who are in jail. I have for some time past been moving among these families and trying to give them some relief from small donations collected with great difficulty. The relief thus given is hardly adequate, but on the principle that something is better than nothing, I have been trying to help these unfortunate victims. In many cases women and children, who were always used to the minimum means of livelihood, are passing their days in conditions of hunger and want owing to the absence of the men-folk. Their lot is most pitiable and can hardly be described. We regard it as a humanitarian duty to do whatever we can to relieve their distress and I am glad to note that in some provinces committees have been formed for the purpose of organizing relief to prisoners' families. But in Almora district our efforts to render aid are frustrated by the policy of the local authorities. Any person known to be giving doles to the families is harassed and prosecuted, and I am myself prevented from taking any interest in this purely humanitarian cause. In the result, the plight of little children and women belonging to these families is heartrending. Severe repression has taken the form of long terms of imprisonment and very heavy fines on the innocent and the guilty. In many cases properties of peasants have been attached and auctioned and the families abandoned to complete destitution. In others loans have been raised and heavy interest charges have to be met. In the net result there are nearly one hundred families who are nobody's care.

I appeal to you to take up the cause of these suffering families and ventilate our grievances before the highest authorities and the public.

The authorities at Almora, for reasons best known to themselves, are adopting an absolute hostile attitude towards any form of relief being given by anyone to the families of absconders. But, if those who are now avoiding arrest could see their way to following Gandhiji's philosophy of Truth in its application to their cases, it might help to alleviate the acute distress of their families. They need relief as much as any other destitutes in any part of India.

SARAIA DEVI.
(Katherine M. Heileman).

Kausani,
District Almora.

Mt. Everest's Claim As World's Highest Peak Contested

U. S. AIR BASE, CHINA.

The definite possibility that India's 29,141-foot-high Mt. Everest may not after all be the world's highest mountain peak is brought out in a dispatch from Brooks Atkinson "New York Times" correspondent in China.

Atkinson writes that he has just interviewed an American pilot who saw a mountain in the almost uncharted mountain fastness of Sinkiang Province, North China, which is not accurately represented on any existing map of Asia and which he believes to be even higher than Everest.

"According to the pilot's story" Atkinson writes, "he was flying off his course somewhere north of Tinghsiang, he thinks it was. To get through the overcast he climbed to 20,000 feet and kept going higher above the clouds. He got to 31,000 feet, according to his altimetre, but estimates that a corrected reading of the instrument might have been 30,000 feet."

(The altimetre is a flying instrument which tells a pilot his altitude above sea level.)

"I was surprised," the plot told Atkinson, "in looking around to find that I was flying parallel with a mountain, between 2,000 and 3,000 feet below its peak. At the time I was more concerned about getting on my course and finding the way home. The real significance of what I had seen occurred to me only when I was flying down out of the mountains and realised I had found a mountain 2,000 feet or more higher than Mt. Everest.

"It is possible the peak hadn't been seen by anyone else before. For one thing the weather is usualy so thick up there that it would probably clear only on an occasional day in the year. Also, this mountain was so hemmed in by other high mountains that a man on the ground might not realise its great height."

Atkinson adds as comment upon the pilot's story:

"In Western China, mountain heights are inaccurately plotted on the maps. Pilots flying farther south have found a disparity of as much as 4,000 feet between altitudes on maps and the altitudes at which they have to fly in order to clear mountain tops. One crew found a disparity of 10,000 feet. Some of the country isn't mapped and perhaps most of it has been only roughly surveyed."

Mt. Everest's height is variously stated as 29,141 feet in the Columbia Encyclopaedia, 29,140 on a popular map of India and 29,002 feet in the Rand McNally World Atlas.—U. S. O. W. I.

More Compulsory Production Of Food In Bombay

Concessions Contemplated By New Legislation

The prospect of a remission of two annas in the rupee in the land revenue payable by cultivators, who will be affected by a Bill to provide for regulating the cultivation of food crops in the Province of Bombay, was envisaged by Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor in the course of a Press Conference on Tuesday. Mr. J. Booth, Director of Civil Supplies (Districts) was present.

The basic principle underlying the proposed legislation is a guarantee by Government to buy all cereal food crops grown in areas to which the legislation is made applicable from time to time.

Mr. Knight also stated that Government contemplated the fixing of a "floor" to food prices by the next season.

OBJECTS OF BILL

The statement of aims and objects attached to the Bill, says:—

"Even excluding the population of the cities, such as Ahmedabad and Bombay, the food produced normally in the Bombay Province is far below what is required to feed its population. Considerable progress was made in some districts by the "Grow More Food" Campaign; but in some districts this progress has not secured a sufficient area under food crops in the present year and the area under food crops is such that the districts are very heavily in deficit, and have to be provided from outside. With such supplies as may be available from outside the Province, it may, at any time, be impossible to provide food for a district which does not grow enough for itself. It is, therefore, necessary to ensure that in future greater areas shall be devoted to growing food grains, especially in deficit districts than has hitherto been done.

It is also necessary to maintain the progress made in growing more food crops in other districts and to guard against diversion of areas at present under food crops to non-food crops in future."

AREAS COVERED

The Act, which will be shortly put into operation prescribes the minimum proportion of the cultivator's holdings in which scheduled food crops shall be sown after the date of an order under the Act in any cultivator's holding in the prescribed area during any year commencing from the date of the order. It also prescribes the maximum proportion of non-food crops. It also prescribes the proportion in excess of which scheduled non-food crops shall not be sown.

The areas proposed to be brought under the operation of the Act in the first instance are Viramgam, Sanand, and Modasa of the Ahmedabad District; Anand Taluka of Kaira District; Broach, Ankleswar, Vagra and Jambusar of the Broach and Panchmahals; Olpad, Mandvi, Bardoli and Valod of Surat; Amalner, Chalisgaon, Erandol, Jalgaon, Jamner, Parola, Yawal, Bhusaval, Idlabad, Raver, Badgaon, Chopda and Pachora of East Khandesh and Bankapur, Hubli, Karadgi, Gadag including Mundargipeta, Navalgund including Nargund Petah and Ron of Dharwar District.

Explaining the proposed legislation Mr. Knight said that under the operative part of the legislation two-thirds of a cultivator's holding will be brought under food crops. He explained that Bombay being a deficit food province it was necessary to take steps to ensure adequate food supplies without depending too much on imports. He pointed out that in 1942-43, the food deficit of the province was six lakhs of tons and the imports were 358,000 tons.

Continuing Mr. Knight said that objections had been raised by the Food Council, not to the principles underlying the Bill but to its application to certain areas. It was pointed out, for instance, that the cotton group suffered. Mr. Knight said that the favoured position which that group enjoyed could not possibly continue in view of the difficult food situation, difficulties of transport, and those of getting imports.

BARODA LEGISLATION

In Baroda, similar legislation was introduced two years ago and reports showed that the legislation was working fairly well. He conceded that difficulties might arise particularly in the case of small holders. But he thought that Government would be able to modify the Act on experience and put it on a more scientific basis. The imminence of the cultivating season made it incumbent upon the Government to put into effect the main operative portion of the Act.

In reply to questions regarding the grant of subsidy to cultivators, Mr. Knight said Government was considering the question of giving a general remission of two annas in the rupee in the revenue for such cultivators, who under the legislation would grow food crops. Government was also considering the question of fixing minimum price for food grains in the coming season.

Mr. Knight agreed with the suggestion that other Provinces and States should fall in line to ensure the harmonious working of the Act.

HITLER GIVES 'DO OR DIE' ORDER

Russian Artillery Moves To Blast Doomed Nazis At Sebastopol

MOSCOW, May 9: Soviet artillery is moving up wheel to wheel to blast German suicide squads clinging on to last barriers holding up the Red Army's advance into the city of Sebastopol, says Reuter's special correspondent.

The din of battle resounds through ruined streets as shells smash into the last remaining German strongpoints. At the same time all kinds of craft are being put into service in renewed frantic attempts to get away remnants of the doomed German-Rumanian garrison.

The doomed garrison at Sebastopol has received "do or die" orders from the German High Command. They are fighting savagely but one by one their defence points are going down under the rain of Soviet shells and the onrush of Red Army storm troops.

POLISH ARMY GROWS

POLISH FRONTIER, May 8: (From Reuter's Staff Correspondent:) Recruiting for the new Polish Army is proceeding on a mass scale. With Prof. Oscar Lange, the Polish American visitor from Chicago I saw today a new and greatly expanded Soviet-created Polish Army on its way to the front—and Warsaw.

CHURCHILL ON GREEK NAVY

LONDON, May 9: Mr. Churchill replying to a question in the Commons to-day said that it was with regret that the Admiralty had decided to withhold from the Greek Navy a British destroyer which was being transferred to it and was in a British port.

He added: "It is out of question for so valuable a ship to be recommissioned at this particular juncture with a crew whose trustworthiness cannot be assured."—Reuter.

ALLIES MUST WATCH TURKEY

LONDON, May 9:

Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, replying to an inquiry whether he would request the Turkish Government to cease exports to Germany of such valuable material as copper, tanning materials and vegetable oils said: "Representations of this nature have already been addressed to the Turkish Government who have replied that they will within the limits of their material possibilities, give the suggested assistance to the United Kingdom and its Allies."—Reuter.

It Is Not Question Of Dollars And Cents

NEW YORK, May 9.

"The Herald Tribune" in a leader commenting on the lend-lease debate in the Senate said to-day: "There are a good many in this country who are shocked at the narrow and purely book-keeping approach to the matter which was never a question of dollars and cents. They will not query British suggestions as to the value of their engineering services because these Americans want to be presented with a bill for thousands of British lives and hundreds of thousands of Russian lives for sunken ships and bombed cities and deprivations of every kind which our Allies flung into the steaming of the common danger, while we were still scrambling to prepare ourselves to fight". To this newspaper it seems that "the only rational light in which lend-lease can be viewed is as subsidiary to sustain other in the battle which was directly and immediately to our interest".—Reuter.

11 COMMUNISTS JAILED

NEW DELHI, May 9: Eleven workers of the local Communist Party including Y. D. Sharma, ex-Secretary and Mohd. Yamin, Secretary, were convicted under Section 147 I. P. C. on a charge of rioting.

Nine of them were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from two months to six months. Y. D. Sharma and Mohd. Yamin being sentenced to six months and three months respectively. Two others were asked to furnish bonds of Rs. 500 with an equal amount of surety to keep peace for one year.

It may be recalled that at the session of the Provincial Federation of Labour in November last the accused created disturbances following refusal for permission by the President to move a resolution demanding the release of Congress leaders and the establishment of a National Government for the defence of the country. —United Press.

Price Of Milk

Price of milk, that vital liquid, on which our children and invalids entirely depend for survival, has shot up still further by another two annas. Examining the history sheet of this fluid one finds that from a fair price of 4 annas a seer, on which supplies could be obtained in pre-war days, treated to a rigorous course of price enhancement from time to time, milk merchants have achieved a record rise of over 400 per cent in price while the quality has deteriorated. This product is not now definitely within the reach of the poor and middle classes, who abundantly inhabit this city—the result being widespread suffering among these people.

The milk magnates, actuated by lust for war money, may have several explanations to justify their unfair conduct but the fact remains that they have been shooting at a wrong target. Unless the Government control its price and at the same time standardise its quality, there will be no end to this kind of systematic fleecing of the people, who are precariously living from hand to mouth in this island city.

AN IMPOVERISHED WAR VICTIM.

BOMBAY PLAN AND NATIONAL GOVT.

(By Rai Bahadur L. Rameshwar Prasad Bagla, President, U. P. Chamber of Commerce)

Planning seems to be the order of the day in India. The Government of India is preparing post-war reconstruction plans. The leading industrialists in India headed by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. J R D Tata and Mr. G. D. Birla have prepared what is known as Bombay Plan of economic development of India. The Government of India plans are not yet completely known but it is not difficult to imagine that they will be prompted solely by British commercial interests and will have the object of ultimate economic control in their hands and also provide employment to demobilised soldiers and other ex-service men. The Bombay Plan as is natural lays special emphasis on industrial development. As an industrialist I am more concerned with the Bombay Plan. The general principles of this Plan have been approved by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce. To my mind the Plan may provide a basis of discussion but it is hardly likely to cross the borders of academic realm without political power. The authors themselves say that for such a Plan to succeed it is exceedingly essential that a National Government should function at the centre and they are perfectly correct in their contention. Any economic or industrial planning or for the matter of that any planning which aims at the amelioration of the condition of the people and develop the nation industrially economically, socially and educationally, must receive the support of the general public. Such a support can come only when the people have power in their hands and their representatives constitute the Government.

Looking at the political conditions existing in the country today, there seems to be a remote possibility of the political stalemate being removed and a National Government installed at the centre not only during the war but after war also. I am not given to undue pessimism in this respect but my study of the hard realities of the situation leads me to think that the British Government is really feeling exultant over present political conditions and the constitution of the Government of India and would in all probability not allow the political forces to drift away from them even for some time after the war for the simple reason that they may be able to hold on and exploit the resources of this country in their own interests. I do not share the implicable optimism of Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas when he in reply to a question put to him in the Press Conference held in Delhi after the meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, stated that nature would not tolerate for long the Indian political deadlock and find out a solution for it and the present Government of India was on the point of crashing. What is there on the political horizon to inspire such a hope? Even the proverbial silver lining is not discernible among the dark clouds that are surrounding us. Under such circumstances what chances are there for the implementation of the Bombay Plan? I do not even see the possibility of the authors of the Bombay Plan being taken on the Industrial Panel or being sent to England or America for exploring the possibilities of developing Indian industries. It may be that one or two of them may be included in such a Panel but others of diametrically opposite ways of thinking are sure to be taken in order that the report of such a Panel may never be unanimous and the Government of India or for the matter of that the British Government may have the opportunity of carving out their own line of action in view of differing reports. I am, therefore, of the opinion that no useful purpose can be served at the present moment by discussing in detail the Bombay Plan its good points and its shortcomings. The authors themselves do not claim that it is a comprehensive plan and cannot be improved upon. They are going to supplement their plan by a publication expressly dealing with questions of distribution, control relationship between private enterprise and the State, the scope and limitations of capitalistic economy in post-war world, labour and social security and related problems. They will not, I hope, grudge to revise their plan if it falls short in the matter of agricultural expansion and also in educational matters as compared to Sargent scheme or if it does not contain any mention of Civil Aviation which is likely to form an important factor in international economy but the crux of the whole problem is to obtain by sustained and combined efforts the pre-requisite condition of a National Government to implement their plan. It would not do merely to produce a plan, get it approved by the Federation and then sit silent over it. We should devise ways and means to bring about conditions which may compel the British Government to terminate the existing political deadlock. Once that situation is brought about there will be sanction behind the Plan and there will be the necessary authority and power to translate the Plan into action.

The authors should again ponder over their plan and revise it if necessary in the light of constructive criticism that has been made by distinguished publicists and economists of the country and then make attempts to place their scheme before the British and American public I would venture to suggest that all of them should go to Great Britain and America to explain fully not only the implications of their scheme but also the Indian political tangle and its far reaching consequences on international affairs. An attempt is bound to be made by the Government to pick and choose from the authors of the Plan to include some of them on the Industrial Panel and send them to Great Britain and America but may I hope that such an attempt will be met with by a strong determination on the part of the authors to see that they constitute a majority on the Panel so that they may have an effective voice otherwise whosoever is chosen should decline to go in company of people holding divergent views. Why should the authors of the Plan go on behalf of the Government of India and why should they not go as leading Indian Industrialists and representatives of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce to propagate their views in these two countries with which our fortunes are linked both economically and politically?

SURPLUS PROVINCES SHOULD SUCCOUR DEFICIT AREAS

NEW DELHI, May 9: In a resolution on the food situation the Nationalist Muslim Conference calls upon surplus Provinces and areas to succour the people of deficit areas, urges the Central Government to provide full transport facilities and advocates an All-India plan of statutory price control of stocks and total rationing in all urban areas.—A. P.

INDIAN SCIENTISTS' VISIT POSTPONED

LONDON, May 9: It is learned here that the visit of Indian scientists to this country which was due shortly has been temporarily postponed owing to travel difficulties.

It is understood that the proposed visit of Indian industrialists is held up for similar reasons.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Aligarh, May 4. A special representative of the Muslim University, Muslim League, who had been to the Punjab recently to watch the political situation developing out of the Jinnah-Towana negotiations has on return given the impression that the whole of Muslim Punjab has been, as it were, electrified by the breakdown of the negotiations.

The case of Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan has also evoked the deepest feelings of sympathy for him regarding the injustice done to him and of admiration for his self-sacrifice. He has become the hero of Muslim Punjab.

The view is expressed that Malik Khizr Hyat Khan by his ill-advised and short-sighted action will soon go to the way of Fazlul Huq and the League will emerge as a far stronger and purer body out of this crisis.

—"Star of India",
the Calcutta Muslim League daily.

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A war correspondent refers to "unusual quiet on Imphal front."

Not so quiet, we hope, as it once was on the Western Front!

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Asked about Australia's attitude to immigration from Britain, Mr. Curtin said "they are all welcome." He added: 'and that applies to several other countries as well."

But not, of course, to non-white countries like India!

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We wish to-day we were fighting the Japs on the Kohima front.

It is not that we have suddenly gone all patriotic. It is only that the monsoon has begun on the Kohima front!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Government would very much like to ban all interviews with the Mahatma—on medical grounds, of course!*

(2) *Gandhiji is expected to meet Lord Wavell on some neutral territory—e.g. somewhere in China.*

(3) *If Premier Khizr Hayat Khan orders the prosecution of Shaukat Hayat Khan on grounds of bribery and corruption, the Qaid-e-Azam will order the trial of Khizr Hayat Khan by a court of the Ulema and in accordance with the stern laws of the 'Sheriat'.*

(4) *The Australian Prime Minister will welcome Indians to settle down in Australia—if they can whitewash their faces.*

(5) *Gujarat Congress workers now in detention are to be released—on medical grounds, of course!*

Pitiable Plight Of Passengers

It is high time that some disciplinary and instructive measures are taken to regulate traffic of third class passengers and avoid the nasty clashes among them, almost at all stations. If the incoming and outgoing passengers are led by a robust person each side, the clashes become so acute and serious, that some passengers are locked in and locked out when the train starts. A couple of days back, the writer—a passenger by Punjab Mail—saw between Bombay and Manmad such nasty clashes almost at all stations, and the one at Manmad was a climax, in that, immediately the train steemed in and reached a halt, a number of strong bodied passengers including some military people rushed at the doors and the windows of the third class compartments and threw in luggage mercilessly, and thrust in through the windows without caring for the fate of the inside passengers who were already exhausted with overcrowding, with the result that some inside passengers were badly hurt and bruised and children suffocated, and some had to save themselves by throwing themselves out on the wrong side.

Strict measures, therefore, need to be taken by Railway Authorities to see that passengers do not board in until inside passengers get out safely. This has to be done even at the cost of detention of the trains overtime for a few minutes.

Another nasty feature of the third class passengers is that able bodied persons prostrate in the train and show no sympathy towards the co-passengers, compelling the poor to stand and suffer awfully.

Employment of one good travelling Traffic Supervisor a real honest and sympathetic worker, will do a great deal in alleviating grievances and affording good relief to the poor third class passengers so necessary in the present restricted and curtailed train movements.

Also painting and exhibiting the following slogans in English and vernaculars, in all the third class compartments, will also go a great way to minimise the troubles and help the work of the Traffic Supervisor.

1. Exit first and get in afterwards.
2. Treat every passenger with sympathy and allow him in, when even small space permits.
3. Use all available space for maximum accommodation.
4. Occupy space only enough for sitting.
5. Do not make others stand when you lie.
6. Have pity for and afford accommodation immediately to females and children, etc.

Will the Railway Authorities concerned be moved by the pitiable plight of the passengers in the overcrowded third class compartments, and set to do something tangible for the redress of the genuine grievance at an immediate date and earn credit and good name?

P. G. S.

Tilaknagar.

93 BIHAR DETENUS TO BE RELEASED

PATNA, May 9: The number of security prisoners under detention before their cases were reviewed by the Commissioner's Board was 511, states a Press Note. Out of these 445 have been interviewed by the Boards under the new procedure and 66 still remain to be interviewed. The number of prisoners who have been either released or for whom orders for release have been passed by the Government and who will be released during May, June and July, 1944, is 93. The cases of 110 security prisoners are still pending consideration of Government.—A. P.

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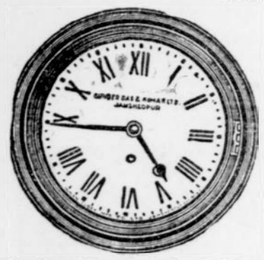

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NEED OF BETTER ORGANISATION OF COUNTRY-CRAFT

Ambica Steam Navigation Chairman Urges Govt. To Give More Facilities

"The indigenous service of transport by Country-Crafts now patronised by Merchants, Banks and Insurance Companies if it is better organised the pressing shortage of freight would be relieved to a very great extent", declared Rai Bahadur Sheth Jagmal Raja, Chairman of Shree Ambica Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at the First Ordinary General Meeting, dated 2nd May, 1944, in his address at the registered office of the Company. Since the Chairman himself could not attend owing to unavoidable circumstances, Sheth Vijaysingh Govindji presided and read the presidential speech on behalf of the Chairman.

"As your Directors are convinced that there is a brighter future ahead for the Country-Crafts due to War conditions prevailing they have given sanction for building some more crafts which when ready will prove profitable to the Company.

"The indigenous service of transport by Country-Crafts now patronised by Merchants, Banks and Insurance Companies if it is better organised the pressing shortage of freight would be relieved to a very great extent. To

Rai Bahadur Sheth JAGMAL RAJA
President of the Ambica Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

enable this service to be more efficient and relievable, it is necessary that the Government and Customs should introduce survey and other measures to secure elimination of the minor difficulties which are facing the Merchants who are utilising this service. Proper survey and Registration of the ships before beginning of every season, proper supervision at the Ports and stricter control over the loading arrangements, better Custom facilities at smaller Ports of Country-Crafts, Credit and insurance facilities will tend to develop this indigenous service extensively. I therefore appeal to those concerned to help this National Service with full co-operation.

"During the month of September last your Company received a Circular from the Government of India, Department of Commerce, inviting the attention to the Government Communique regarding licensing of unrequisitioned ships and inviting your Company to send a Representative on the proposed Committee to assist and advise the Controller of Indian Shipping. Your Company in conjunction with other Indian Companies sent representatives to the Government protesting against the proposed control over unrequisitioned ships as this would mainly interfere with the movements and the nature of cargo etc. of the Ships. It was further pointed out to the Government that it would be unfair to put these restrictions on the ships on Indian Register only while the ships on British Register will not come under that scheme as this partiality meant discrimination against Indian Shipping interest. In spite of the persuations the Government of India have not seen their way to agree to the suggestions made by the Indian Companies and have already introduced the proposed system.

"There are many Foreign Steamers under the control of Government of India and such steamers when not immediately needed for their requirement they are given in charter to some selected concerns only. I therefore emphatically urge that such available ships should be distributed equitably and equal opportunities may be given to all National Shipping concerns.

"The present position of the Freight management the shortage of ships and the inadequacy of the repairs and replacement services are very important problems which must arrest the attention of those who are interested in this National Service. I feel that as the large number of ships serving on the Indian Coast will require greater equipment and reconstruction immediately the normal conditions return. In view of this, I feel that if at least 50% of the surpluses of the shipping concerns are allowed to carry forward as Post-War reconstruction and re-equipment Funds and are returned from the pressure of the Income-tax Super-tax and E.P.T., it will help to conserve a great strength which will be beneficial to the Shipping Service in the immediate future after the Hostilities are over. I hope the Authorities concerned will be good enough to view this problem with patience and sympathy.

1000 DESTITUTES AWAIT EVACUATION

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Over a thousand more people rendered shelterless by the explosion of April 14 are waiting in the Municipal Relief Centres of Bombay to be assisted in reaching their home towns. The Central Relief Committee will arrange in the course of the next few weeks to secure their passage either by train or ferry. It may be a month before all the destitutes are evacuated from the city. Those who have left so far total 979.

The Relief Committee has decided to give with effect from Monday, maintenance allowance of Rs. 10 per day to each evacuee during the journey. So far the evacuees were receiving a rupee per head per day in the case of adults and 8 annas in the case of children.

ADMISSION DWINDLES

After three weeks of the disaster, admissions of destitutes into relief centres each day have dwindled to about a score. The total being attended to in the six Municipal centres are 2,325. Most of the private centres have closed down. Less than a thousand evacuees are being looked after in 4 private centres now. These will be gradually transferred to Municipal centres.

REMOVAL OF PROPERTY

The police authorities have announced that the 7 days' period to evacuate property from the cordoned area expires on Wednesday. They are being given a day's grace till Thursday. All evacuation of property in the cordoned area west of the railway line will be stopped on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to enable the Municipal authorities to carry on the demolition work.

The demolition work west of the railway lines has been undertaken by Messrs. Mistry and Co., Municipal Contractors. The work is expected to be completed within a month.

Toys and sweets were given to destitute children at the Imambada and Dongri centres by Lady Colville during a visit to the camps. She was accompanied by Lady Rama Rau

QUIT NOTICE EXPIRY

The Police Authorities and the Citizens' Committee announce that the 7 days' Notice given to landlords and tenants to evacuate their property from the Cordoned Area expires on Wednesday 10-5-1944. However, one days' grace i.e. Thursday 11-5-44 will be given to carry on this work.

All evacuation of property in the cordoned area, west of the railway lines will be stopped on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 12, 13 and 14) in order to enable the Municipal authorities to carry on their demolition work and to clear the debris from the roads.

PRIVATE DEMONITION WORK

The Evacuation Offices in the area, west of the railway lines will remain closed on these days. The only persons who will be allowed to enter this area on these days, will be Municipal Engineers, contractors and their workmen and owners of buildings who have been permitted by the City Engineer to carry on their own private demolition work along with their contractors, supervisors and workmen. From Monday, May 15, landlords and tenants will be given a final period to evacuate their property.

MUSLIM CHAMBER TO SEE GOVERNOR

The Bombay Muslim Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution drawing the Government's attention to the nervousness of the business community due to delay in fixing of the responsibility for compensation for losses as a result of the explosion. A deputation of the Chamber will meet the Governor in this connection.

CHURCHILL GOVT.'S DRIFT TOWARDS FASCISM

LONDON, May 9.

Thirty-eight resolutions submitted by Local Party organisations favour ending of the war time "electoral truce," under which the Labour and Conservative parties agree not to fight each other at a byelection.

A still more challenging resolution [illegible] the Churchill Government towards Fascism as evidenced by manoeuvres in North Africa, Italy and elsewhere, its continued employment of men like Sir Samuel Hoare, its AMGOT machinery, etc."

This resolution urges labour to resume its role as the official opposition in parliament. At least one other branch of the party calls for the party to 'take a stronger socialist line in parliament."—

Among the candidates nominated for the National Executive are three of the Labour Party's most controversial figures. They are the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who last year lost his seat on the National Executive, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Welsh Miners Member of Parliament, whose explusion from the Parliamentary Party is now being recommended, and Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the parties shipping expert who is being mentioned as the future labour prime minister.

SURAT SHOP HARTAL LIFTED
SURAT, May 9.

For the first time since 9th August 1942, most of the Hindu shops in the city are open to-day, ninth of the month. Till now all the shops in the city, barring Muslim shops, used to remain, closed on the ninth of the month in observance of the Leaders' Arrest.—A.P.

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EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR

But President Prevented From Assuming Obligations In Respect Of Post-War Policies

WASHINGTON, May 9.

United States Senate to-day passed a Bill extending Lend-Lease legislation for another year. The Bill was approved by the House of Representatives on April 19 and will now go to White House for signature.

The Senate also approved the amendment striking out the words "in any final settlement" from the amendment to the Bill as passed by the House.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg said he offered the amendment so that the President could not make any settlement, whether present or post-war, except in conformity with the overall purpose of the Bill which was to carry on military operation. "I want to protect the rights of Congress" he declared. The amendment now reads:

"The President shall not assume or incur any obligations on the part of the United States with respect to post-war economic policy, post-war military policy or any post-war policy involving international relations, except in accordance with the established constitutional procedure".

Senator Allen Ellender declared that he thought that Great Britain might charge the United States for reverse Lend Lease. "We should have some understanding now as to what our Allies can charge us for reverse Lease-Lend", he said. "If we do not take steps now to see that England returns to us our natural resources after the war, we will never be able to carry on any war in future. It looks as if the British are looking out for themselves and will continue to do so after the war."—Reuter.

India Helps U. S. With 35 Million Dollars In Reverse Lend Lease

WASHINGTON, (By Cable).

The Foreign Economic Administration announced that American military forces in India received more than 35,000,000 dollars worth of material as reverse Lend-lease in the first two months of 1944. One-half of this total was represented by petroleum products.

The FEA said that the volume in two months was equal to the total received during the entire year of 1942 and about one-half of the total received during 1943. Wages paid to the Indian civilian employees for services rendered to Americans were not included in the total.

Expenditures were distributed as follows: military stores and equipment, 3,039,000 dollars; transportation, communication, 1,584,000 dollars; petroleum products, 15,254 000 dollars; construction, 10,415,000 dollars; subsistence, miscellaneous, 4,769,000 dollars.

Reverse Lend-Lease in India since its inception March, 1941 amounts to 149,512,000 dollars.

The largest single item received in January and February was nearly 17,000,000 pounds of fuel and ice. Larger items for direct military use included 16,000,000 gallons of aviation petrol, 170,000 pairs of socks, 300,000 yards of cloth, 175,000 pairs of trousers, 700,000 gallons of diesel oil, 300,000 gallons of aviation oil, 2,000 pairs of shoes, 200,000 sets of underwear.

Substantial sums also have been expended as reverse Lend-Lease for construction of aerodromes, barracks and other buildings and roads used by American troops.—USOWI.

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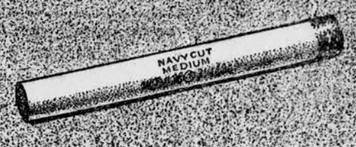

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Wanted A Sanitary Engineer to work at Secunderabad (Dn.) posted from the V. J. T. Institute, Matunga, Bombay. Apply with Testimonials. Box No. 4839, "Bombay Chronicle."

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
HYDRAULIC ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT
NOTICE

OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the following secondhand oil engines lying at the Municipal Water Works Shed at Powai.

2. Campbell horizontal high compression Oil Engines.
Maximum load—100 B.H.P.
Working load—90 B.H.P.
Cylinders—2 Nos.
Diam. and stroke of the cylinders—14"|24".
Speed on load—200 R.P.M. (350 without load.)
Fuel oil—19,000 B.T.U. per lb.
Belting—Size 12" No. 1 with each engine.
Fuel Tank—1 No. capacity 4045 gallons with each engine.

1. Independent engine-driven compressed air starter, complete with one air receiver and necessary tubings, etc.

2 Intending purchasers are requested to forward their offers in sealed covers addressed to the Municipal Commissioner superscribed 'offers for the purchase of oil engines at Municipal Water Works Shed at Powai', and delivered at the office of the Municipal Chief Accountant not LATER THAN 1 P.M. (B.T.) ON FRIDAY THE 2ND JUNE, 1944.

3. Every offer should be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 1,500/- which will be refunded if the offer is rejected. This amount will however be forfeited to the Municipality if the Tenderer withdraws his offer before the non-acceptance of the same is communicated to him. It shall also be liable to forfeiture without prejudice to other rights of the Municipality if the purchase is not completed after the acceptance of the offer is communicated to the Tenderer.

4. Any further information in this connection can be had on application from the Undersigned.

5. The machinery can be inspected on site by previous appointment with the Assistant Engineer, Outside City, Ghatkopar (Telephone No. 87016).

6. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.

Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay, 8th May, 1944. (8759)

BURGLARY
REWARD RS. 20,000/-

A BURGLARY with violence occurred during night 23rd|24th April at premises of H. B. Shah, Daya Mandir, Mumbadevi Road, when currency notes of the value of Rs. 2,07,000/- were stolen.

A reward of ten per cent of the value recovered is offered for information leading to the recovery of the above notes.

Apply:
S. E. C. WHITE,
Lloyd's Agent,
Central Bank Building,
Bombay. (8758)

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES LTD.
LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one share certificate bearing No. 108746 in respect of five shares numbered 365847 to 365851 of the Associated Cement Companies Limited, standing in the name of Mr. Gandalal Maneklal has been LOST or MISLAID, and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate share certificate for the said shares.

Any person in possession of the share certificate and|or having any claim to the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at Esplanade House, Waudby Road, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and issue duplicate share certificate(s) if they think fit.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1944.
GANDALAL MANEKLAL.
(4763)

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE
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THE BOMBAY CAPITAL PROVIDENT & GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NINTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEETS WITH REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1943.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held in the Registered Office at 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay on Saturday, the 3rd June, 1944, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the previous Ordinary General Meeting
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited Balance Sheets and Revenue Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1943.
3. To elect two Directors for the current year in place of Dr. V. P. Kamat, M.B.B.S. and Mr. V. J. Sukhtankar, B.Sc., LL.B., who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact such other business as may be brought forward with the permission of the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th May, 1944, to 10th June, 1944, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
K. V. DHAMANKAR.
Secretary.

Bombay, dated 22nd April, 1944.
(8764)

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of JETHALAL PARBHUDAS PAREKH alias JETHALAL P. PAREKH alias J. P. PAREKH, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, an Attorney of this Hon'ble Court residing at the time of his death at Ghatkopar, Bombay Suburban District .. Deceased.

Baj MANGALA, widow of Jethalal Parbhudas Parekh and the sole executrix of the Will of the deceased abovenamed of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant residing at Karani Lane, Ghatkopar, in the Bombay Suburban District .. Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Probate.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR.

The 25th day of April, 1944.
Messrs. MOHILE & PAREKH,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
(8766)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE
WANTED good quality WATERPROOF CAPES, CAPS and UMBRELLAS, for staff and labour. Apply for particulars to the General Manager, The Tata Power Co., Ltd., Bombay House, Fort, Bombay.

TENDER NOTICE
SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from Local Contractors for the stitching of the following articles of Police uniforms:
(1) Blue Drill coats—9,500.
(2) Blue Drill knickerbockers—7,500.
(3) Blue Drill Shorts—2,000.

Prospective tenderers can see the samples of the above articles at Naigaum Head Quarter Stores. Tenders should be properly sealed and forwarded to the undersigned by 12.0 noon on the 20th May, 1944. Further information, if required, can be had from Head Police Office (Accounts Branch), Bombay No. 1.

(Sd.) R. N. NAYAMPALLI,
Dy.
for Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 8th May, 1944.
(8765)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUSTOMJI EDULJI BISNI, EDULJI RUSTOMJI BISNI and JEHANGIR BAPUJI, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants, Trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated 3rd July, 1933, have contracted to sell to our client Mr. THOMAS JANDA, the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim, interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, mortgage, lease, lien charge, trust, easement, maintenance, share, possession or otherwise howsoever in the said property or any part thereof are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim howsoever and the same (if any) shall be deemed as waived or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage tenement and dwelling house or houses standing thereon situate, lying and being at Danda, Danda Taluka, South Salsette Revenue District Thana, Bombay Suburban in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 17½ Gunthas Varkas and 1 Guntha Kharaba or thereabouts (2230 sq. yds. approximately) and registered Survey No. 245 Falni No. 2, Entry No. 2018 assessed by the Bandra Municipality under No. 185 Kantwadi Scheme and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by land bearing Survey No. 245, Hissa No. 2, on or towards the West by land bearing Survey No. 245, Hissa No. 3, on or towards the North by land bearing Survey A51 on or towards the South by Kantwadi Scheme and beyond that by Perry Road.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1944
MOHILE & PAREKH,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8757)

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. BYRAMJI KARAI & CO., have resigned and ceased to be the Managing Agents of our clients Messrs. Baramati Electric Supply Co., Ltd., at Baramati as from the 29th day of March, 1944
Dated this 8th day of May, 1944.
HOOSEINI DOCTOR & CO.,
Attorneys for Messrs. Baramati Electric Supply Co., Ltd.
(8754)

THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOT A PROSPECTUS.

Consent of the Central Government has been obtained for issuing further shares under Defence of India Rule 94-A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving the consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

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I send herewith a remittance of Rs. .....by M.O. (Draft) Cheque at the rate of Rs. .....per share for .....Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10 each and/or.....5 per cent Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each and admission fee Re. 1 in the above Company and I request you to allot me the same shares. I hereby agree to accept the same on any less number of shares that may be allotted to me subject to Memorandum and Article of Association of the Company.

Signature.....
Full Name.....
Address .....
Occupation.....
Date.....

N.B.—Existing share-holders need not apply any admission fee.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
Estate of Bai BACHUBAI, widow of Merwanjee Sorabjee Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy also known as Bai BACHUBAI MERWANJEE SORABJEE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed Bai Bachubai, widow of Merwanjee Sorabjee Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy also known as Bai Bachubai Merwanjee Sorabjee, late of Bombay Parsi inhabitant, who died at Bombay, on 11th June, 1943, and Probate of whose Will with five Codicils thereto having effect throughout British India was granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on 18th April, 1944, to Bai Manekbai Piroshaw B. Jeejeebhoy, Bai Meherbai Jehangir Bhabha, Bai Dhunbai Piroshaw Jeejeebhoy, Bai Bachoobai Jehangir Guzdar, Miss Serene Piroshaw Jeejeebhoy and Dinshaw Hormusji Petit, Esqr., Solicitor, the surviving executors named in the said Will and the 1st and 4th Codicils of the deceased abovenamed are hereby required to send their claim to the said Executors at the Office of Messrs. Merwanji Kola & Co., their Attorneys at 14K, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the said Executors will hand over the assets to the persons, entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and no claim sent in subsequently will be recognized.

AND all persons indebted to or holding any securities or property belonging to the said deceased are hereby required forthwith to pay the amount owing by them and|or to deliver up the said securities or property as the case may be to the said executors at their attorneys' address aforesaid.

Dated this 6th day of May, 1944.
MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Attorneys for the Executors.
14K, Hamam Street, Fort,
Bombay.
(8745)

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIMON REUBEN, of Bombay Jew Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 15, Military Square Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof; otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground with messuages tenements or dwelling-houses standing thereon, situate at Souter Street, Byculla on plot No. 90A of the Agripada West Estate of the Bombay Improvement Trust Board in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 886 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3529 (part) Cadastral Survey No. 2A|1865 Byculla Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 13 (E) Ward No. 4091 (1a) and Street No. 12 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on the North-East by Plot No. 148 of the said Estate leased to Esmail Musa and anr., on the South-East by Plot No. 90 of the said Estate leased to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on the South by Souter Street and on the North-West by land of the Ecard laid out as a service passage and which said premises are now in the occupation of the Vendor abovenamed.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1944.
MAHOMED ALI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8760)

NOTICE OF SALE
Mr. MAHOMEDALLY NANABHAI NAVSARIWALLA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from encumbrances:—

Piece of Pension and Tax land together with the buildings thereon, admeasuring 2,302 square yards, situate at Old Parbhadevi Road, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 35 of Mahim Division and Collector's New Nos. 3707 and 4665 and New Survey No. 1/1661 and Municipal G. Ward Nos. 2589, 2590(1), 2590(2), and 2590(3) and Street Nos. 82D-82E, 55, 82F and 82G and bounded, on the East by property of Doming Pasco Lin, on the West by property of Mantri, on the North by property of K. D. Dhuru and on the South by property of N. S. Salvacao Church.

All persons having any claim of whatsoever nature to the said property are hereby required to intimate the same to the undersigned at their Office in Spinner Building, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim which will be considered as waived.

Dated this 8th day of May, 1944
SOLOMON & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8753

LEGAL NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ALIMOHAMED JUSAB has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to Abdul Kadar Bin Abdul Latiff and the said Abdul Kadar Bin Abdul Latiff has in turn contracted to resell the same to my client Motandas Jamatmal. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said properties or any of them or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, charge, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease, underlease, maintenance, exchange, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office at Lawyer's Chambers, Ficket Road, Kalbadevi, Bombay 2, within fourteen days from to-day otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim, and the same if any will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRST—All that piece or parcel of Gauthan land together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being at Agra Road at Kurla in the Reg. Sub-District of Bandra Taluka Salsette in the Bombay Suburban District bearing N. A. Survey Nos. 23 & 24 admeasuring 735 sq. yds. and assessed by the Kurla Municipality formerly under House No. 41, then No. 51 and now under No. 103, Kurla Bazar Ward and bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the East by Agra Road on or towards the West by Khoty land on or towards the South by a Gully and the property of Pandurang Vithal Kavnekar and on or towards the North by the compounds of the Mashjid.

SECOND: All that piece or parcel of Khoty land together with messuages, tenements or structures standing thereon bearing N. A. S. No. 65 assessed by the Kurla Municipality formerly under House No. 52 and now under No. 116|117 situate lying and being at Kurla Bazar Ward in the Reg. Sub-District of Bandra in the Bombay Suburban District and bounded on or towards the East by Agra Road, on or towards the West and South by Khoty land and on or towards the North by the property of Krishnabai Chapekar (Lohar).

Dated 8th May, 1944.
K. S. V. NAVALKAR,
Purchaser's Advocate.
(8755)

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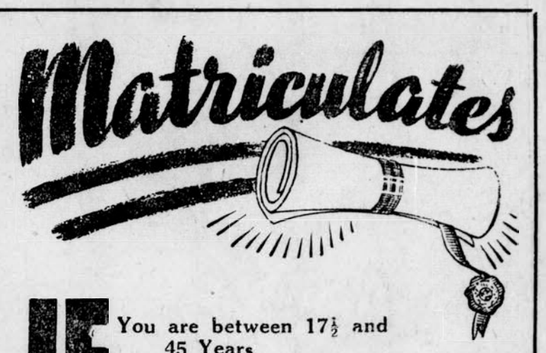

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